

A BRUTAL MURDER.

BARNEY PERKY MEETS HIS DEATH.

Two White Men the Guilty Parties.

A JURY'S PROULIAR VERDICT.

Much Excitement.

The brutal murder of Barney Perky, a colored man, on the night of last week, has attracted wide spread attention. It appears that an attempt is being made to "hush" the matter up and to place the killing among the list of accidents. How a colored man's death should be treated by the County Coroner Lettich presiding could come to the conclusion that Barney Perky (colored) died from unknown causes when witnesses testified that he was thrown over the bridge by two white men and blood-stains were found on the bridge is a mystery to most people.

MR. LIPSCOMB TESTIFIED.

James Lipscomb testified as follows: "But what I know is I saw the colored boy and this fellow Barker. He was sitting in the window and some officer tapped him on the shoulder and told him to get up. I invited him to get a drink. I could not say whether it was ten or half past ten. I never saw Mr. Barker any more. I got on the bridge, about 2 o'clock. I heard some one say, 'Oh, don't!'. Then I advanced and got scared. I saw two men. I could not tell whether they were white or black.

TOLD THE AUTHORITIES.

I then ran back to Richmond and reported to the authorities and came back to the bridge and saw the man was supposed to be thrown over. I then reported to the Manchester authorities. I then saw Mr. Barker and the boy together. Mr. Barker was always drunk, after seeing the spot where the blood was, I felt that I was not afraid to go back then.

CERTAIN THEY WERE WHITE MEN.

I am certain they were two white men who threw the body over. I was close enough to see that two white men threw the body over the bridge. Dr. Lettich here called the attention of the witness to the fact that he had not seen the body until it was thrown over the bridge. He said that he saw two white men throw the body over the railings.

THE WITNESS' EXPLANATION.

The witness explained this by saying that he had meant to say he did not know whether the body was white or black. One of the members of the jury interposed and said he did not think the evidence given by the witness should be taken into account. He said that he saw two white men throw the body over the railings.

MR. PARHAM'S STATEMENT.

"Between 2 and 2:30 o'clock I sat down by an electric light and went to reading. I saw two white men throw the body over the bridge. About five minutes after that I saw two men go up there, one man taller than the other. The last I saw of the men come back. They looked in the face of the man who was taller. After that one of the men kept on looking the other went down the York River track.

NET POLICE OFFICERS.

I went as far as Fourteenth street, after the lights were out, and when I found I saw two police officers. One of them asked me where I was going. I told him I worked over here, and he said, 'All right.' I went over and stopped at the company's office. I sat there for some time and saw two white men throw the body over the bridge. I saw two white men throw the body over the bridge. I saw two white men throw the body over the bridge.

SAW BARKER.

I did not know the man, but would know him if I saw him. Yes, recognize Mr. Barker as the man. That was about 2:30, as near as I can come to it. It was after the lights were out. I saw two white men throw the body over the bridge. I saw two white men throw the body over the bridge. I saw two white men throw the body over the bridge.

THE COLOR OF THE MEN.

I could not recognize one as a colored man because the lowest man was on the outside. You can recognize a white man by the electric light. I was close enough to identify the first man as a white man. I saw two white men throw the body over the bridge. I saw two white men throw the body over the bridge. I saw two white men throw the body over the bridge.

SERGEANT OTEY SPEAKS.

The net witness was Sergeant Otey of the First District. He told how he had accompanied Mr. Lipscomb to the bridge and found a straw hat and some other things. He said that he saw two white men throw the body over the bridge. I saw two white men throw the body over the bridge. I saw two white men throw the body over the bridge.

THE MURDERER'S COMPANION.

After Sergeant Otey's examination was completed, J. H. Barker, the white man who was in company with Perky on the night of his death, was examined. He told how he, in company with Perky, came to Richmond and had several drinks. While in Barker's saloon

MORE ABOUT IT.

THE APPEAL OF MARY ABERNATHY.

A Voice From Penitentiary.

MARY BARNES WANTS

Happy Over Her Daughter's Release, But Unwell Herself.

A STUBBORN FIGHT AHEAD

AN INTERESTING MISSTIVE

Pokey Will Make Her Statement to the Public.

Closing Exercises of Hartshorn Memorial College.

The Commencement Exercises of Hartshorn Memorial College began Sunday morning, May 27, at 10 o'clock.

There were no new developments in the Lunenburg case. The clerk of the court, George E. Edwards, is preparing a copy of the record of the case which will be duly attested by Judge Cate and will be in shape to be presented to the judge of the court.

It is generally conceded that the evidence was insufficient to convict and the prosecution is now in a worse predicament than when it began.

None of the Pollard money or property has been traced to any of the women.

Counsel for the women have in their possession facts which while not necessary to be used in the court would be powerful in their presentation to the Chief Executive if it were necessary.

It is known and can be asserted with absolute certainty that Mary Abernathy knew nothing of the murder.

When she left the Pollard house the murderer or murderers approached and did their cruel and bloody work.

SOLON MARSH'S DECLARATIONS.

Mr. Mitchell.

Dear Sir—I received your kind and welcome letter and was glad to hear from you. It found us well. I get a new trial in June I think I will get clear. I wish you would come here I want to see you. Baby is getting on very well and I wish you could see it.

I give my love to all my friends. Tell them that I want to see them all. You must be sure to come up here. Give my love to Pokey. I will close.

Yours truly,

MARY ABERNATHY.

THE COLLAPSE OF THE CONSPIRACY THEORY.

He could not have participated in the murder for Mr. Pollard, the husband of the woman, was in the field with him.

LETTER.

I take the opportunity of writing you a kind letter and I hope when you receive my letter it will find you in the best of health. I have been in very good health. We had a grand meeting here next week and we are going to have a big baptism, and two persons were baptized. I would be very glad to see you.

I have been quite sick with that same old misery in my head that I have every day. I have been here for two months and I have been here for two months.

SENDING FOR GOOD THINGS.

We are going to have flower mission over here. Fix me up a box of some things to eat and send it to me next week. Be sure and send me a big white apron. Be sure and send me the box by the middle of the week or Friday.

enjoyed those things which you sent me so much. Oh I can't tell you how I do feel in this place. Tell your papa to come over here next week and bring me some money. If he cannot bring any money tell him to bring me a sack of flour and sugar. If you think that it is best to write and see about the children I want you to write, but if you don't think it is best for you to write you better not do so.

PRAYER ALL POWERFUL.

This is a beautiful Sunday, and I wish I could be with you. I hope you are enjoying yourself. You must pray for yourself and me. You must pray every day and all the time and the Lord will help you and keep you safe from harm and danger. Trust God. Lord of all kind and King of Kings. Only trust him.

have not been punished since I have been here. I have been getting along all right with my work. I hope we will see each other and all live together again very soon.

LOVE TO FRIENDS.

Mr. Burrell has been over to see me and several ladies came with him. All the ladies have brought me nice presents.

My best regards to Mr. Mitchell and tell him it is past my mind what to say to him for what he has done. I will fix it in words but I will fix all things. I have two good guard masters to work under, and a nice lady that watches over us. I put all my trust in the Lord. Write to me next week and tell Mr. Mitchell to come over and see me next week.

Parting words.

Lizzie sends love to you and glad to know that you are free again. Be sure to tell Mr. Mitchell that I feel so grateful to you. I feel so grateful to you.

No more at this time. Write soon. Many kisses. Here is a lock of my hair. I hope you will like it.

Your affectionate old mother,

MARY BARNES.

Pokey was much wrought up over this letter and spoke in mournful tones of "daddy," as she calls her.

Previous to this she had been like a bird out of a cage, happy and joyous.

A STATEMENT OF THE FACTS.

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MARY BARNES.

(From a photograph taken by Editor Mitchell in the Virginia Penitentiary.)

She had just bewailed the condition of her daughter Pokey, who was then under sentence of death, has since been acquitted and had said, "Poor Pokey! poor Pokey! I here in the penitentiary."

ed for seven in family, cooked and milked three cows for \$2.50 two dollars and a half per month and this was payable in goods secured from the stores. And this was a good price she says for that section. She was satisfied and had no complaints to make, as they did not want to pay her that much.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

—Mrs. Nancy Allen of Chase City called on us.

—Rev. A. F. Murray of Indianapolis, Ind., called on us.

—Rev. R. R. Hamilton of Mecklenburg Co., called on us.

—Mr. W. B. Taylor of Cumberland Co., was in the city and called on us.

—Mr. William Lee left \$200 for this office for the Lunenburg Case. Many thanks.

—Rev. A. Smith of Indianapolis, Ind., and Dr. W. F. Anderson and wife of Toledo, O., called on us.

—Mr. George J. Teasdale of Norfolk, Va., was in the city and called on us.

—Visiting Miss Lelia Cates of North 5th St.

—We have received the initial number of the *Pensacola*, Fla. Age. It is a new sheet, and we wish it success.

A good home can be secured by a colored female by applying to Mrs. M. Miller, 112 Albany Ave., Hartford, Conn.

—Rev. Dr. Samuel Christian will preach at 20th St. Baptist Church next Sunday night, May 31st, at 8:30. We desire a large attendance.

—Mrs. George H. Carter of Plymouth, Pa., is visiting her parents at Bowling Green, Va. She will remain during the summer.

We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the Commencement Exercises of Allen University, Columbia, S. C., May 29th to June 3, 1896.

The Budget and Messenger at American City have combined under the title of the Budget-Messenger with A. Lincoln Smith, M. D., and Col. Charles J. Russell, editors.

We return thanks for the invitation received to be present at the Commencement Exercises of the Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va., May 29, 1896 at Court St. Baptist Church.

—Miss Lucy R. Wilson has left the city for Boston, Mass., to spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. Branch. She anticipates visiting other cities also during her absence from the city.

—Rev. T. W. Henderson, D. D., pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. Church, Indianapolis, Ind., Messrs. S. A. Harrison, Danville, Ill., John Powell, Matamoras, Tex., and Mr. C. L. Winfree, Ind., Past Grand Master of A. F. M., called on us.

—Mrs. T. H. Lyles of St. Paul, Minn., president of the John Brown Monument Association, was in the city last week en route to the A. M. E. General Conference at Wilmington, N. C., to address the sister, Mrs. Branch. "Should Afro-Americans Honor John Brown?"

—Rev. W. H. Brooks, D. D., pastor of the 19th St. Baptist Church, was in the city. He delivered a most excellent address to the Alumnae Association at Hartshorn Memorial College, Lynchburg, Va., on Sunday, May 27.

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MANCHESTER ITEMS.

THE CRUEL MURDER ON THE BRIDGE.

The Body Found.

THE ALUMNI BANQUET.

A Grand Time at the Building.

INTERESTING NOTES GATHERED HERE AND THERE.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

MANCHESTER, VA., May 27, '96.

During the dark, cloudy and still hours of last Saturday morning, while many were resting in peaceful slumber, and the land of nod was all in a dream, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock, Mr. Barney Perky was launched into eternity by some of the most cowardly and brutally hands of human beings. He was horribly beaten over the head on Mayo's bridge and thrown into the James River just three spans from the city of Richmond.

Perky was an employee of Mr. O. A. Jones, who was in the city and called on us.

Only one arrest has been made (up to this writing) and that was Joseph N. Barker, a white Manchesterian.

BARKER'S STATEMENT.

To a "Leader" man, Barker said that he and Perry went over to Richmond on the night of last week, and that they took several drinks together. Perry, he says, sat down on a door post and he went to sleep. He was a white face drunk with a black face man (no doubt of his Perry's) money on that night. He was a white face drunk with a black face man (no doubt of his Perry's) money on that night. He was a white face drunk with a black face man (no doubt of his Perry's) money on that night.

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